

Claims 1 – 20 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the present application contains the following patentably distinct species:

Embodiment 1 of FIGs. 1A – 2D;  
Embodiment 2 of FIGs. 3A – 4E;  
Embodiment 3 of FIGs. 5A – 9;  
Embodiment 4 of FIGs. 10A – 10D;  
Embodiment 5 of FIGs. 11A – 11B;  
Embodiment 6 of FIG. 12;  
Embodiment 7 of FIGs. 13A – 13C;  
Embodiment 8 of FIGs. 14A – 15L;  
Embodiment 9 of FIGs. 16A – 16B;  
Embodiment 10 of FIGs. 17A – 18B;  
Embodiment 11 of FIGs. 19A – 19C;  
Embodiment 12 of FIG. 20;  
Embodiment 13 of FIG. 21;  
Embodiment 14 of FIGs. 22A – 23B; and  
Embodiment 15 of FIGs. 24A – 24B.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Embodiments 1 – 15 are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the subject matter of Embodiment 3 illustrated in FIGs. 5A – 9, and recited in Claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 17 and 20. However, Applicants reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to